

# TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2007

**Meeting Place:** Grand Rapids Municipal Building, 2410 48<sup>th</sup> Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

**Present:** Chairman Don Bohn; Supervisors Arne Nystrom, Jeanne Fehrman, David Hartjes and Edward Hellner; Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer, Treasurer Kristine Ginter, : Clerk, Judy McLellan

**Absent:** - - -

**Excused**

NOTE: ( ) indicates agenda item of when Board member joined the meeting.

*Notices of the meeting were legally posted at The Store in Kellner, the Grand Rapids Garage and the Grand Rapids Municipal Building, and published in the Daily Tribune.*

**The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Don Bohn.**

1. **Approve minutes of October 9, 2007 Town Board Meeting Minutes and October 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Town Board Budget Meeting Minutes.** Motion (Hellner//Hartjes) approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.
2. **Approval/Denial of Town of Grand Rapids' portion of expenses for South Wood County Airport for 2008 Budget.** Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) to approve the Town of Grand Rapids' portion of expenses for South Wood County Airport for 2008 Budget. Supervisor Nystrom stated that Grand Rapids' share is \$26,056 for 2008. This is a 1.24% decrease from 2007. Motion carried
3. **Approval/Denial of Town of Grand Rapids** resolution in Opposition to the passage of H.R.811, Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007. Motion (Nystrom/Hartjes) that the Town Board approves the resolution in Opposition to the passage of H.R. 811, Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007. Motion carried
4. **Approval/Denial of Clerk attending WTA training Nov. 16, in Mosinee.** Motion (Fehrman/Hartjes) to approve the Clerk to attend WTA training Nov. 16, in Mosinee, \$35. Motion carried.
5. **Approval/Denial of Clerk attending two WisLine Training Seminars.** Motion (Nystrom/Hartjes) to approve the Clerk attending two WisLine Training Seminars on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> and Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, \$20 each. Motion carried.
6. **Approval/Denial of Clerk purchasing CD's of two WisLine Seminars to be used for required training of Chief Election Workers, \$25 each.** Motion (Hartjes/Fehrman) to approve the Clerk purchasing CD's of two WisLine Seminars at \$25 each. Motion carried.
7. **Discuss Water Works and Lighting Commission's request to close 48<sup>th</sup> Street during daytime hours as work is progressing on the water project being done by City of Wisc. Rapids.** Chairman Bohn related to the board the concerns of the City related to traffic traveling on 48<sup>th</sup> Street while work is being done. The city has agreed to open and sweep the road way at the end of each work day to allow full two lane traffic during non-work hours. Motion (Hellner/Fehrman) to approve request of City of Wisconsin Rapids to close 48<sup>th</sup> Street during day (work) hours with understanding that the road is to be swept and completely open to two land traffic at the end of each work day. Motion carried.
8. **Changes to garbage pickup routes for some town residents.** Chairman Bohn stated that the garbage routes for some residents will be changed. A letter from Veolia stating the upcoming changes has been mailed. Please watch your mail.
9. **Discussion regarding the town sponsoring flu shots for town employees this year.** Motion (Nystrom/Fehrman) to sponsor flu shot for all Town of Grand Rapids employees. Motion carried.
10. **Discussion about harvesting dead timber from town property.** Attorney Jim Quinn stated that at first he had some reservations about the town allowing residents to harvest the timber but after further thought and review he feels that with the signed waivers and plan that the

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board voted on at a prior meeting there will not be a problem with the town allowing residents to harvest the dead and downed timber from its property.

11. **Operators license applications.** Motion (Hellner/Hartjes) approve the operators application of Jason Bragg, Jennifer Fuller, AmyJo Haasl. Motion carried.
12. **Other Public Input.** Supervisor Nystrom stated that at the Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Wood County WTA meeting the speaker AlGedick, spoke on the possible storage of nuclear waste in Wisconsin. The Dept. of Energy may be lookin at two areas in Wisconsin to begin storing nuclear waste, the areas are in the Fox Valley Area and South of Ashland. There is nothing definite in their plans but the area currently used in Uma, Arizona is not panning out as planned. Supervisor Hellner told the board members and audience that the shouldering on Wazeecha Ave and in Hunter's Ridge Subdivision have been completed.
13. **The board will convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. Section 19.85 (1) (g) "conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The Board will come out of closed session for possible discussion and action on the above stated subject.** Motion (Nystrom/Fehrman) to go into closed session. Roll call vote taken and unanimously carried.

**Closed Session 7:01 p.m.**

No action taken in closed session. Motion (Hellner/Hartjes) come out of closed session. Roll call vote taken and unanimously carried.

**Back in open session 7:55 p.m.**

Motion (Hartjes/Fehrman) I make a motion to request all insurers and defense counsel to assert all governmental functions immunities and defenses available under Wisconsin law, including Section 893.80 of the Wisconsin Statutes, in the case of Kevin Reed and the Estate of Kimberly Reed-vs-Town of Grand Rapids, et. al. Wood County Circuit Court Case No. 07 CV 439. Motion carried.

Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) I make a motion to have an appropriate Town representative and the Town Attorney enter into agreements as best determined by the Town attorney regarding pending litigation in the case of Kevin Reed and the Estate of Kimberly Reed –vs- Town of Grand Rapids, et. al. Wood County Circuit Court Case No.: 07 CV 439. Motion carried.

Motion (Hartjes/Fehrman) to adjourn. Motion carried.

Adjourned 8:02 p.m.

Minutes subject to board approval.

Respectfully submitted and approved  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

Judy McLellan  
Town Clerk